India; credit and financial assistance by Department of Agriculture to support the purchase of food; and, certain assistance for Wild Life Conservation and Environmental Projects. On 16th December, the US also removed 51 organisations from the list of over 200 Indian Government organisations, research institutions, public sector units and private companies—the so called the Entities List published in November 1998 which were subjected to tighter export restrictions.

The US continues to maintain restrictions with regard to non-humanitarian lending by International Financial Institutions and on export of defence-related and dual use goods and technology.

(c) The US has not indicated the time frame for lifting the remaining restrictions.

It is Government's view that all unilateral restrictions against India are counter-productive and should be completely lifted.

Demand for Foodgrains

*20. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the projected demand for foodgrains in the country during the next five years; and

(b) whether Government plan to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The Planning Commission has estimated the consumption/demand for foodgrains of 227.16 million tonnes at the end of Ninth Five Year Plan period *i.e.* 2001-2002.

(b) The Government on its part are taking a number of steps to increase production and productivity of foodgrains in the country. For instance, the Government is implementing centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in rice/wheat/coarse cereals based cropping system areas, for Pulses, National Pulses Development Project is being implemented. Under these programmes/project, incentives are provided to farmers for use of

high yielding varieties of seeds, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management and use of improved farm implements. Field demonstrations on farmer's holding including training of farmers and farm labourers is being organised for effective transfer of technology.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Prawn Production in Orissa

1. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review on the prawn output in Orissa during 1999-2000, particularly, after super cyclone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the proposal of Government to increase the output of prawn from Orissa and other coastal States; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) During April to September, 1999 the prawn output in Orissa was 3923 metric tonnes compared to the output of 4016 tonnes in the corresponding period in 1998. The fisheries sector in Orissa suffered extensive loss of boats "and nets and damages to fish/prawn farms during the super cyclone. The impact of the super cyclone on prawn production will be known only when the data for the quarters October—December, 1999 and January—March, 2000 become available.

(c) and (d) The Schemes implemented by Government of India for development of marine fisheries and coastal aquaculture, *inter*